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March 31, 1992



Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Mr. Kenneth G. Mensing Regional Manager Division of Land Pollution Control 2009 Mall Street Collinsville, IL 62234



RE: 1630505003 - St. Clair County Fairmont City/Swift (Estech)

Dear Mr. Mensing:

The following is a reply to your letter dated February 5, 1992.

The sulfuric acid mentioned in your letter is a weak residue that could not be pumped from the horizontal tank at the time that the plant was closed. The acid was used as a process material in the granulation plant that was closed down in the summer of 1989. Five drums of the acid were decanted off and sent to our Athens, GA granulation plant on March 6 (See the attached B/L Yellow Freight shipping papers). Proper shipping procedures were followed for the transfer of these drums.

The remaining acid residue was neutralized using hydrated lime and sodium hydroxide and then shipped to Vigoro's Harvel, IL fertilizer blend plant for use in a standard fertilizer blend (See attached B/L papers). The tank was rinsed five times and that rinsate was also shipped to Harvel on a second truck and used on the blending process.

During these procedures, there was no discharge of the acid to the plant grounds. All product addition and ratios used for neutralization and blending were based on recommendations of a company chemist. The remaining tank is being cut up for scrap today.

The contract with Many Services is still pending. Many Services has requested additional site testing and I anticipate completion of an agreement for removal of the building in the next 60 days. If you have further questions regarding Fairmont

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City, please feel free to call. I will inform you as to the status of the Many Services' contract per your request.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Neal

Director of Environmental Affairs

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